

The main need of the world just now seems to be peace and potatoes.

No one is now sufficiently familiar with potatoes to presume to call them spuds.

As girls are now wearing pockets their dispositions should be sweeter than ever.

No winter is complete without predictions of a coal famine which never materializes.

War continues to "hog" the lime-light while peace waits disconsolately in the "wings."

No matter how many poets are killed at the front, the supply will always exceed the demand.

Former conditions are reversed when the haughty cabbage may sneer at the humble greenback.

It will soon be as expensive to eat a potato as an egg. But an expensive egg may be deceiving.

People who turn to the left always do so with the utmost assurance that they have the right of way.

Mayhap if spinsters would consent to the taxation of cats the world would recompense them with the ballot.

The Southern farmers are raising more peanuts now than ever before, but the price still sticks at five-a-bag.

Shortage of paper does not worry the persons who visit the hostilities only to write letters on hotel stationery.

Fashion is mightier than food; wherefore, many are putting on their backs what ought to go in their stomachs.

Then, too, it is so much more interesting to tell others how to manage their affairs than to attend diligently to one's own.

America imported over \$50,000,000 worth of diamonds last year. This year, however, most of our money is going for coal.

The popular juxtaposition of cabages and kings suggests that soon the former will be rated as equal to the latter's ransom.

There is only one way to deal with trouble successfully, and that is to confront and fight it. It is so fleet that it is foolish to challenge it to a foot race.

And the barbers by any chance have nothing to do with the pronunciation of it that it is no longer obligatory upon either art or artists to wear long hair?

General Wood declares that no one American in 500 knows how to shoot. This ratio possibly is based on statistics of guides slaughtered by deer hunters.

Man should be permitted to button his trousers to his waist, as the merchant tailors suggest, but what would he do in summer?

With the danger existing that the war will spread to another hemisphere, it need not be surprising if Mars is seen to be glomting.

Patriots will kindly bear in mind that it is not the flag, but what the flag stands for, that causes shouting and patriotic tumult.

A Japanese doctor says it is possible for one to have infantile paralysis and not know it. If we must have it that's the way we want it.

What with railroads refusing to admit dogs and apartment house landlords refusing to admit children, this is getting to be a hard old world for some people.

Large spots are showing on the sun. Now the folks who spend the best part of their time looking for trouble, will find all sorts and varieties of it in the spotted zone.

About the only way a person could swat the "human fly" would be to wait for him to pass a window on his journey up the side of a skyscraper.

A more or less famous "idol of the screen" used to be a chorus man, and a great many people are under the impression that he ought to be one still.

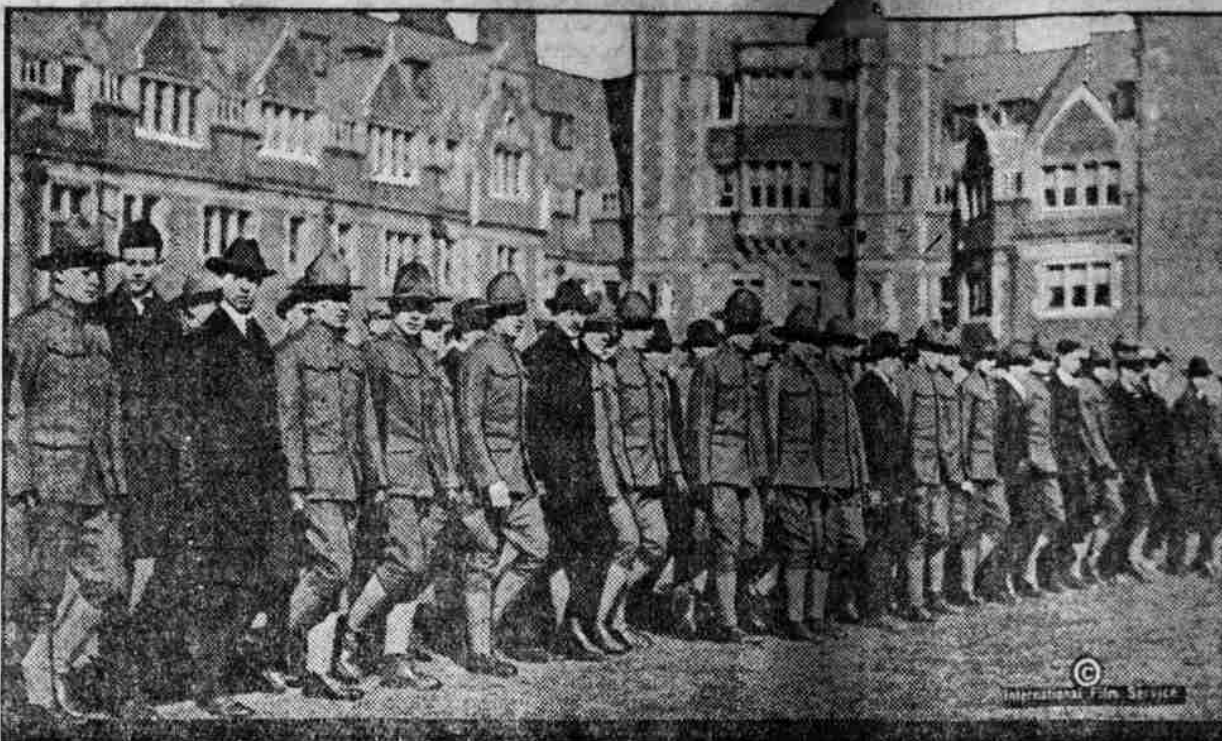
Why do the papers always explain that it is "a trusted employee" who gets away with the cash or jewels? The other kind never gets a chance to make way with them.

Our grandparents never knew the perils of automobile dodging, and it begins to look as if our grandchildren will say the same of us concerning the danger from monkey wrenches dropped by careless aviators.

Model prisons are now the fad. While no one would want to go back to the old day of brutality, there is the danger of making prisons so attractive that unprincipled characters will find incarceration more desirable than the life of liberty and labor outside.

The census bureau statistics covering certain states containing a third of the country's population and showing a 78 per cent greater number of births than deaths in 1915 are both interesting and encouraging, though a little late.

STUDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY OUT FOR MILITARY DRILL



So strongly has the preparedness idea spread among the students of the University of Pennsylvania that a training corps has been organized and daily drills are held on the campus.

PERONNE REDUCED TO SMOLDERING RUINS



When the British entered Peronne the other day on the heels of the retreating Germans they found the place a mass of wreckage. On every hand was found evidence of the systematic destruction wrought by the Teutons. The picture was taken at the time the Germans first took possession of the town.

BUILDING UP UNITED STATES NAVY



A petty officer explaining to a farm hand how he may be of help to his country by serving on one of Uncle Sam's great fighting ships.

WOMAN INVENTS NEW SUBMARINE



Mrs. Anna Stanley holding a model of the Stanley safety submarine which will submerge in eight seconds. Ordinary submarines require ten minutes to submerge by taking on water ballast. There is a propeller on each end of the submarine; when the boat submerges a lever causes the rear propeller to rise to perpendicular and the front propeller to descend simultaneously.

The Quietness of God

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TEXT—For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.—1 Cor. 14:33.

Within the last two and a half years, many have had their faith shaken in the teachings of the Christian religion generally, and some have had their faith in God shaken. They ask insistently, "Is the God that we were taught to believe in, what we were taught? If there is a God, is he not just what other men are—swayed and controlled by what is transpiring in the world, or the universe, and governing his words thereby?"



A distinguished Christian nobleman of England has recently written a book entitled "The Silence of God," and after discussing the proposition, whether God, who is holy, infinitely powerful and unchangeable, can permit the present world-wide care to exist or not, he comes to the conclusion that God is the same as he was yesterday, and will be the same God forevermore.

Our topic is "The Quietness, or the Tranquillity of God." Is that justified? Is he just as quiet in the tribulations of the nations of the earth as he was when peace ruled supreme? We strongly believe so. Our text says, "God is not the God of confusion, but of peace;" that is, he is an orderly God. His character is brought into contrast with the turbulent religious assemblies of emotional orientals. Never for a moment does God become excited, lose his head, or act hastily, or under passionate impulse. When David came to his best self, he saw that the steadfastness of Zion was secured by the fact that God dwelt in her, and therefore she could not be moved. That was what steadied Martin Luther and Melancthon in the stormy days of the Reformation, as they sang, "God is Our Refuge and Strength," especially as they heard God speaking to their very souls, "Be still, and know that I am God."

A Vivid Contrast. In the second Psalm, the raging nations are brought into vivid contrast with the quiet of God. God is sitting on the circle of the heavens and laughing, as though utterly indifferent, unconcerned by the earthly commotion. At one of the crucial moments in our national history, when the beloved Lincoln was stricken down, James A. Garfield, then a congressman, spoke in New York as to the dire event, and said: "The Lord reigneth; he is clothed with majesty, the government at Washington still lives."

This quiet of God is based on his infinite character. Nothing is more needed in these trying days of the shaking of nations, than the thought that God is sovereign, that he has majesty, is infinite in his power, holiness, goodness and truth; before him the nations are but as the small dust of the balance; he sets up kings and casts them down.

Can Man Attain This Quality? Can this characteristic quality of God be transmitted to men? Can man be tranquil and quiet in the midst of human commotion, contention and battle? The days in which we are living are described by the Lord as those in which "men's hearts shall be failing them for fear and looking for those things which are coming on the earth." Three years ago, men were predicting the entering in of the day of universal brotherhood, of amity, of altruism, and as a consequence material prosperity, the wise diffusion of wealth and realizing millennial conditions, but now they are so overwhelmed with the facts that stare them in the face, that they are in consternation and confusion and fall into rage when asked to think about these things.

It is natural that the children of God should partake of his nature; consequently they may be quiet, if the link of faith is strong. Is it not true that God will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on him? The voice of wisdom is the voice of God; and wisdom says, "Whoso harkens unto me shall dwell safely and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Many of the children of God have testified to this quiet that comes from believing in his Word. The patient going to the operating table, or the soldier going into the battle, or the merchant seeing his property all being swept away from him, can remember that God is his friend and be quiet. The early Christians as they were thrown into the arena to be torn into pieces by the lions were quiet, and sang together to the honor of their Lord.

Today God is not excited. The wrath of the world is not confusing him, and he is just as really interested in the fall of the sparrow as he is in the adjusting of relationships of empires, kingdoms and republics. Be this my joy that evermore, Thou rulest all things at thy will, Thy sovereign wisdom, I'll adore, And calmly, sweetly trust Thee still.

"THE LILIES."



Flower lovers from all over the country attended the recent flower show in New York. This beautiful picture shows Miss Sarah Collier and some prize lilies, one of the pretty attractions seen at the show.

TO MARRY PITCHER



Miss Alice Johnson, a pretty Brooklyn girl whose engagement to marry Al Mumaux, star pitcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has been announced.

MOTHER! LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE

If cross, feverish, constipated give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftentimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

The Modern Law.

"Look here, sheriff," said the irate householder, "this section is filled with second-story men and sneak-thieves. 'My house has been robbed five times in the three weeks. Do I get any protection from you, or don't I?'"

"I have done all I can for you, Mr. Blickensdorf," returned the weary officer. "I warned you after the second robbery to move out of that house, and it isn't my fault if you continue on there knowing that these burglars are after your stuff."

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